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OPTICAL DISC, RECORDING
DEVICE REPRODUCING DEVICE
(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional
of Serial No. 09/678,651,
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Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 11-96516, filed April 2, 1999, and Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-57116, filed March 2, 2000, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

Certified copies of said Japanese Patent Applications are of record in parent application Serial No. 09/538,294, filed March 30, 2000, which is the parent application of 09/678,651, filed October 4, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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